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SUBJECT: FOREIGN INVESTMENT SURVEY ACT OF 1976

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- 1. ACCORDING TO ARTHUR ANDERSON CO. IN PARIS, WICH AUDITS A SUBSTANTIAL SHARE OF THE ACCOUNTS OF AMERICAN SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATES IN FRANCE, THERE ARE NO LEGAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE IMPEDIMENTS IMPOSED BY THE GOF ON THE CONVEYANCE OF THE DATA LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTEL TO OVERSEAS SHAREHOLDERS, MINORITY OR CONTROLLING.
- 2. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE MAJORITY SHAREHOLDERS IS FRENCH, WHETHER IN THE PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SECTOR, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT AS A MATTER OF CORPORATE POLICY OR AS A FEATURE OF THE JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT THE MAJORITY PARTNER MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO WITHHOLD CERTAIN KINDS OF INFORMATION FROM MINORITY SHAREHOLDERS, WHETHER FRENCH OR FOREIGN. UNPUBLISHED TECHNICAL DATA MIGHT BE A CASE IN POINT. IN PRACTICE, HOWEVER, ARTHUR ANDERSON KNOWS OF NO INSTANCES IN WHICH SIGNIFICANT AMERICAN SHAREHOLDERS HAVE BEEN DEPRIVED OF FINANCIAL OR OPERATING DATA OF LEGITIMATE INTEREST TO THEM.

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3. WE ARE PREPARED TO CONFIRM THE FOREGOING WITH GOF AGENCIES IF DESIRED, BUT WE CONSIDER ARTHUR ANDERSON A BETTER SOURCE IN THIS INSTANCE. HARTMAN

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